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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAQARIN DAM CONSULTATIONS - AGENDA FOR MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 088419, (B) AMMAN 1648, (C) STATE 054825,  
(D) STATE 072072, (E) TEL AVIV 0942

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SETS OUT SPECIFIC AREAS FOR  
DISCUSSION WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION DURING MEETING WITH  
U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM AND PROPOSED AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

1. ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS NOW RECEIVED HARZA DRAFT FINAL  
FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH POUCHED FROM AMMAN ABOUT MAY 4  
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AND COPY YARMOUK WATER FLOW DATA FORWARDED TO TEL AVIV  
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOI PER REF A. ALSO DURING MARCH 25  
MEETING WITH KANTOR, SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED BY GOJ TO  
ISRAELIS MADE AVAILABLE TO KANTOR IN WRITING. THESE INCLUDE  
QUESTIONS ON YARMOUK TRIANGLE IRRIGATION WATER USES AND  
AVAILABILITY, EAST GHOR CANAL DIVERSION AND ACCESS BY  
JORDANIANS TO CONSTRUCTION SITE ON NORTH BANK OF YARMOUK

PRESENTLY LOCATED IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SOUTHERN DEMILITARIZED ZONE, JORDAN RIVER AND DEAD SEA LEVELS, AND MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BAR LEV CANAL/TUNNEL. THESE QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN PARAS. 6, 7 AND 10 OF

REF B.

2. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC JORDANIAN QUESTIONS PROVIDED TO ISRAELIS, EXCEPT FOR QUESTION RELATING TO ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITE IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL DURING FORTHCOMING MEETING, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE FOR ISRAELIS TO PROVIDE ASAP DATA REQUESTED BY JORDANIANS ON YARMOUK TRIANGLE REQUIREMENTS AND UTILIZATION, DATA AND STUDIES ON DEAD SEA LEVELS, AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BAR LEV CANAL/TUNNEL. SUCH DATA, PARTICULARLY YARMOUK TRIANGLE IRRIGATION, WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF AVAILABLE TO U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM AND JORDANIANS PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING MEETING TO HELP UNDERSTAND VARIOUS RELATED FACTORS. IF ISRAELIS CANNOT PROVIDE SUCH DATA DURING COMING WEEK, DESIRABLE THAT SUCH DATA BE FORTHCOMING FOR FIRST MEETING ON MAY 25 TO PERMIT SUBSEQUENT REVIEW BY TEAM PRIOR TO SECOND MEETING ON MAY 26.

3. WE WOULD HOPE TO CONCENTRATE DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS PRIMARILY ON FURTHER FOLLOW-UP ON FIVE AREAS OF ISRAELI CONCERN--(1) WATER AVAILABILITY, (2) FLOW AND QUALITY, (3) ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, (4) PALESTINE ELECTRIC POWER CONCESSION, AND (5) THE WEST BANK. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE NOW RECEIVED GOI REACTION, GOJ RESPONSE, AND FURTHER GOI REACTION (THOUGH NOT OFFICIAL) DURING MEETINGS WITH KANTOR ON MARCH 25. WE WOULD HOPE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS THESE AREAS SO AS TO RESOLVE OR NARROW AREAS OF DIFFERENCE ON THESE ISSUES OR REACH AGREEMENT ON DEFERRAL SUCH ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE, PALESTINE ELECTRIC POWER CONCESSION AND WEST BANK WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF A FUTURE MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WE WILL LOOK FOR FURTHER COMMENTS BY ISRAELIS ON ELEMENTS HARZA FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING ASPECTS CAN BEST BE DEALT WITH TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH PARTIES, FOR EXAMPLE, EAST GHOR DIVERSION WEIR SCHEME AND PERHAPS OTHER WATER CONVEYANCE CONSIDERATIONS.

5. BASED ON ABOVE, PROPOSE FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN MAY 25-27 MEETINGS:

A. STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS TO DATE, INCLUDING INFORMATION REQUESTS FROM GOJ AND GOI.

B. FIVE AREAS OF GOI CONCERN: GOI RESPONSE TO GOJ POSITION

--WATER AVAILABILITY  
--FLOW AND QUALITY  
--ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
--PALESTINE ELECTRIC POWER CONCESSION  
--WEST BANK

FYI: GOJ RESPONSE TO ABOVE ISRAELI CONCERNS CONTAINED REF B AND REF C, AND KANTOR'S COMMENTS CONTAINED REF D. END FYI.

C. HARZA FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY.  
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D. EAST GHOR DIVERSION WEIR AND ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITE.

E. DISCUSSIONS OF ANY REMAINING AREAS OF DIFFERENCE.

F. NEXT STEPS.

6. REQUEST AMMAN AND TEL AVIV CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS ABOVE AGENDA ASAP. IF NO PROBLEM, TEL AVIV COULD THEN TRANSMIT PROPOSED AGENDA TO MOSHE ALON, MFA. FINAL AGENDA COULD BE AGREED ON WITH GOI AT BEGINNING OF MAY 25 MEETING.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/TEL AVIV REPS BRINGING COPIES OF CLASSIFIED REFS B, C, D AND E TO JERUSALEM MEETING SINCE MESSAGES CONTAIN GOI AND GOJ POSITIONS TO DATE AND MAY BE USEFUL TO DRAW ON DURING MEETING.

8. ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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